

HOUSE No. 777

By Mr. O'Flaherty of Chelsea (by request), petition of Vincent Zarrilli for legislation to require the tabulation of results of cases heard by the Supreme Judicial Court and the Appeals Court of the Commonwealth. The Judiciary.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year Two Thousand and Five.

AN ACT REQUIRING THE TABULATION OF RESULTS OF THOSE CASES HEARD
BY THE SUPREME JUDICIAL AND APPEALS COURTS.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

- 1 The administrative assistant of the Supreme Judicial Court shall
- 2 prepare an annual tabulation of all cases heard on appeal by the
- 3 Supreme Judicial and Appeals Courts which shall show the dispo-
- 4 sition of each case, the total number of cases reversed or affirmed.
- 5 Said tabulation shall name each judge or panel which presided at
- 6 the lower court wherein judgment issued. Said tabulation shall
- 7 also reveal any action affecting a judgment of a State Court by a
- 8 Federal Court.
- 9 The tabulation shall be provided on a timely basis to the Chief
- 10 Administrative Justice of the Trial Courts who shall cause it to be
- 11 printed in the annual report of the Trial Courts for each given
- 12 year.